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MEMORANDUM

QUESTION: Now that FMSAC is producing current intelligence, does not this relieve some of the responsibilities of OCI in the space and missile field? Same with respect to OSI Surveyor.

1. The immediate answer to the question is no, because the responsibilities of OCI and FMSAC in the space and missile field are complementary, not competing.

2. The mission of FMSAC is the technical analysis of space and missile events on a highly current basis. For this, FMSAC mans an operations room 24 hours a day, seven days a week. It publishes a missile and space summary report which is distributed by 0800, Monday through Friday. This document covers all events occurring since the previous issue. In addition, FMSAC prepares and distributes detailed event analyses. These usually follow the event being reported on by several weeks. The Military Division of OCI is one of the first recipients of the FMSAC daily report.

25X1 3. Within the Military Division, the Scientific and Technical Branch [] is charged with maintaining close contact with FMSAC. This is done daily either by secure phone or visits. In addition, the S&T Branch personnel are periodically assigned round-the-clock duty to respond to calls from the FMSAC operations room when a noteworthy event occurs or appears about to occur.

4. The complementary nature of OCI and FMSAC responsibilities in the space and missile field is best illustrated by the manner in which the two organizations work together. If an important event takes place, say, the launch of a Soviet ICBM from an operational complex, FMSAC will be the first Agency component to be informed. It will notify OCI and the S&T Branch analyst will join the FMSAC analysts in the operations room. The responsibility of the FMSAC analyst is to amass and analyze the incoming data; the OCI analysts's duty is to prepare this information in the form and language required for publication in the Central Intelligence Bulletin, or a memorandum for the Director, or whatever medium is

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indicated. To be able to do this effectively, the OCI analyst must understand the technical language and problems of the FMSAC analysts. In addition, he is responsible for the intelligence aspects of the report, that is, the relationship of a new event or development to the broad field of Soviet R&D as well as to political or military factors.

5. In the foregoing paragraph, the situation was one where the initiative came from FMSAC. The reverse is often true. OCI may decide on the basis of information not only from FMSAC but from other sources (such as NPIC) to prepare a CIB item or an intelligence memorandum on some space or missile development. FMSAC analysts usually are consulted in the early preparation of such items. Occasionally they are asked to contribute information or technical conclusions. Before such items are published OCI coordinates them with FMSAC.

6. OCI cannot do FMSAC's job and does not try. FMSAC cannot do OCI's job and would not want to. Together they work very well. We in OCI feel that the creation of FMSAC has been an important recent step in improving the quality of CIA's current intelligence production on space and missile developments.

7. The OSI Surveyor is another welcome move by the DDS&T Area to assist in the timely assessment and dissemination of new items of S&T interest. As the Surveyor masthead notes, it is for CIA internal use only and represents a selection of incoming reports, with preliminary, uncoordinated comments. It is not competitive with any official OCI or DDI publication. It is, in fact, closely patterned--in format and approach--after the Military Division Highlights. This series has been published for several years and was the first of the internal publications of this sort to be prepared on a T-KH and SI basis.

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